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CUSTOMS DISTRICT BY CONTINENT

COVERAGE

This report presents United States Customs district by continent statistics on United States airborne export and import shipments made in foreign trade.

Exports

These statistics represent exports of domestic and foreign merchandise combined and include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from the United States to foreign countries. The statistics, therefore, include Department of Defense Military Assistance Program-Grant-Aid shipments, Mutual Security Program economic assistance shipments, and shipments of agricultural commodities under P. L. 480 (The Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended) and related laws. Shipments to United States armed forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are not included in the export statistics. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions and trade between United States possessions are not included in this report, but exports from Puerto Rico to foreign countries are included as a part of the United States export statistics. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through United States Customs, is excluded. (Foreign merchandise which has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently re-exported is not treated as in-transit merchandise, and is included in this report.) The figures in this report exclude exports of household and personal effects, shipments by mail and parcel post and shipments of airplanes under their own power.

Effective with the statistics for January 1963, the information shown for exports to Canada represents fully compiled data for shipments individually valued $2,000 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued $100-$1,999 based on a 10 percent sample of such shipments. The information shown for exports to countries other than Canada represents fully compiled data for shipments individually valued $500 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued $100-$499 based on a 50 percent sample of such shipments. In addition to these data, estimated data for shipments valued under $100 based on a 10 percent sample of such shipments are also included in the figures shown in the "Total" columns in Table 1. These estimates for shipments valued under $100 are not included in the other figures in the table.

Since the export figures shown include estimates based on a sample of low valued shipments, they are subject to some degree of sampling variability. A rough guide to the general level of sampling variability (on a two chances out of three basis) of value totals shown is given below. Usually the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. Detailed information on the sampling variability of individual figures is available upon request.

Value totals for "Total" and North America of:	Proportion of cells with sampling variability of: under 2%	under 5%	under 10%	under 20%	20% and over
$1,000,000 and over	.60	.85	1.00		
$500,000-$1,000,000	.45	.65	.70	1.00	
$100,000-$500,000		.15	.40	.45	.55
$20,000-$100,000				.25	.75
Cells of under $20,000	Are likely to have sampling variability from $10,000 to $20,000				

Value totals for continents of South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Oceania, and Africa of:	Are likely to have sampling variability of:
$300,000 and over	Less than 2%
$100,000-$300,000	Less than 5% with over half of the totals less than 2%
$20,000-$100,000	Generally less than 10% with over half of the totals less than 5%
Under $20,000	Generally $1,000 to $2,000
Cells of $0	Generally less than $500

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The sampling variability, in percentage terms, of shipping weight figures can be approximated by the percent sampling variability of value.

Imports

These statistics represent general imports which are a combination of imports for immediate consumption and entries into bonded warehouses. The statistics include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from foreign countries to the United States. However, American goods returned by the United States armed forces for their own use are excluded. United States trade with Puerto Rico and with United States possessions and trade between United States possessions are not included in this report but imports into Puerto Rico from foreign countries are considered to be United States imports and are included. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through United States Customs, is not reported as imports and is excluded from the data shown in this report. (Foreign merchandise which has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently re-exported is not treated as in-transit merchandise, and is included in this report.) Imports of household and personal effects, imports by mail and parcel post, and imports of airplanes under their own power are not included.

The airborne general import statistics reflect fully compiled data for formal entry shipments valued at $100 and over combined with estimated data for shipments reported on informal entries valued at $250 or less based upon a 10 percent sample of such shipments. These combined data are shown in the "Total" column for the value data in Table 2 of this report. The continent and district by continent value totals shown in the table include data for formal entries valued at $100 and over but exclude the estimated dollar value for shipments reported on informal entries valued $250 or less. The shipping weight information excludes shipping weight data for informal entries since this information is not required to be shown on such entries. Some rough indication as to the volume of shipping weight represented by informal entries may be obtained by reference to the air export statistics where low valued shipments (under $100) are approximately 2 to 3 percent of the air export value and from 10 to 12 percent of the air export shipping weight. Import shipments by air reported on formal entries valued at less than $100 are entirely excluded from the air import statistics. These under $100 formal import shipments amount to less than 1 percent of the total air import value and shipping weight.

As noted above, the value figures for total air imports by Customs district include estimates of informal entries ($250 or less) based on a 10 percent sample of such entries. They are, therefore, subject to sampling variability. In general, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. The following table gives a rough guide to the sampling variability of Customs district totals. More detailed information on the sampling variability of individual figures is available on request.

Value totals of:	Are likely to have sampling variability limits of:
$500,000 and over	Less than 1%
$100,000 - $500,000	1% to 5%
$20,000 - $100,000	5% to 15%
Under $20,000	$1000 to $2000

The Customs district value and shipping weight totals shown include a small amount of shipments which could not be distributed by continent.

Table 1.—SHIPPING WEIGHT AND VALUE OF UNITED STATES AIRBORNE EXPORTS OF DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN MERCHANDISE BY SELECTED CUSTOMS DISTRICT OF LADING BY CONTINENT:

[Only those districts are shown with imports or exports by air valued at $50,000 or more for any month during the period January-April 1962]

Customs district of lading	Shipping weight in thousands of pounds								Value in thousands of dollars							
	Total[1]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total[1]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. Flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. Flag carriers						
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)
Total, all carriers..	[2]19,572	.....	5,871	2,842	5,000	768	128	254	[2]147,340	.....	19,294	10,542	47,248	7,160	1,337	1,255
U.S. Flag carriers...	.....	[2]7,817	2,781	618	1,736	436	30	118	.....	[2]56,183	8,192	2,961	13,918	3,169	362	527
Massachusetts.....	216	117	84	(*)	109	2	1	(*)	1,466	803	349	3	1,056	21	7	1
Rochester.....	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	12	12	10	...	...	...	...	...
Buffalo.....	20	20	16	...	...	...	...	...	118	118	114	...	...	...	...	...
New York.....	7,413	2,678	1,062	460	4,330	384	49	224	57,564	17,885	6,421	3,339	41,911	2,968	449	1,006
Philadelphia.....	66	49	...	...	31	23	...	(*)	171	59	...	...	137	26	...	2
Maryland.....	20	19	1	(*)	17	...	...	(*)	41	24	2	8	27	...	...	2
Virginia.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Florida.....	5,755	2,191	2,870	2,304	2	(*)	...	(*)	12,564	4,589	5,306	6,676	14	4	...	(*)
New Orleans.....	388	101	285	31	...	6	...	(*)	888	309	648	124	...	37	...	1
Galveston.....	323	188	206	21	33	12	...	18	1,264	543	575	226	193	80	...	142
Laredo.....	249	205	209	(*)	...	...	...	...	713	641	688	1	...	...	...	...
Los Angeles.....	325	133	65	14	127	57	19	2	3,684	1,369	416	108	1,699	1,065	283	20
San Francisco.....	455	222	11	10	60	217	55	1	3,733	1,360	70	46	658	2,230	582	11
Washington.....	139	85	92	...	7	1	...	...	402	244	315	...	22	13	...	...
Alaska.....	4	4	(*)	...	(*)	3	...	...	23	22	(*)	...	(*)	21	...	...
Hawaii.....	20	13	...	...	(*)	10	3	...	58	47	...	...	1	39	13	...
Montana and Idaho.....	24	23	21	...	...	...	...	...	268	266	260	...	...	...	...	...
Dakota.....	102	102	88	...	...	...	...	...	292	292	272	...	...	...	...	...
Minnesota.....	21	21	1	...	...	20	...	...	131	131	7	...	...	123	...	...
Michigan.....	92	77	1	...	70	12	1	(*)	278	136	7	...	250	12	1	2
Chicago.....	751	180	387	(*)	210	16	(*)	8	4,743	984	2,807	5	1,199	453	2	64
Ohio.....	160	1	108	...	1	2	...	...	698	2	582	...	4	49	...	...
Puerto Rico.....	383	123	309	1	1	(*)	...	(*)	407	184	344	7	28	1	...	3
All other Customs Districts.....	61	47	55	...	3	3	...	(*)	167	126	100	...	48	17	...	1
Special Category[3].....	2,584	1,218	...	...	...	...	...	...	57,658	26,039	...	...	...	...	...	...

*Less than 500 pounds or $500.

[1] Includes estimated shipments valued under $100 which are excluded from the continent totals.

[2] Includes shipments of "special category" commodities and estimated shipments valued under $100 which are excluded from the continent totals.

[3] Represents shipments of "special category" commodities. For a list of the "special category" commodities see the January 1961 edition of Report FT 410.

Table 2.—SHIPPING WEIGHT AND VALUE OF UNITED STATES AIRBORNE GENERAL IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE BY SELECTED CUSTOMS DISTRICT OF UNLADING BY CONTINENT:

[Only those districts are shown with imports or exports by air valued at $50,000 or more for any month during the period January-April 1962]

Customs district of unlading	Shipping weight in thousands of pounds[1]								Value in thousands of dollars							
	Total[2]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total[2,3]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. Flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. Flag carriers						
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)
Total, all carriers..	9,319	.....	3,523	913	4,351	479	8	45	60,667	.....	7,685	2,663	41,855	5,888	146	548
U.S. Flag carriers...	.....	3,574	1,290	128	1,824	300	1	30	.....	26,375	3,084	1,689	17,136	4,209	16	241
Massachusetts.....	83	38	2	...	81	(*)	...	...	475	301	78	...	363	1	...	...
Rochester.....	(*)	(*)	(*)	...	...	...	...	...	3	(*)	(*)	...	...	...	...	...
Buffalo.....	16	15	16	...	...	...	...	...	323	127	314	...	...	...	...	...
New York.....	4,280	1,787	170	48	3,870	148	4	40	44,915	18,195	2,537	1,695	37,526	1,462	103	533
Philadelphia.....	7	4	(*)	...	7	...	...	...	219	185	1	...	195	...	...	...
Maryland.....	13	1	(*)	...	12	...	...	(*)	213	33	32	...	163	...	...	1
Virginia.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Florida.....	2,763	971	1,878	853	30	1	...	(*)	2,987	1,664	1,688	707	531	7	...	(*)
New Orleans.....	154	99	151	(*)	(*)	3	(*)	...	63	39	37	(*)	2	10	(*)	...
Galveston.....	131	9	126	2	3	(*)	...	(*)	323	64	106	25	172	1	...	2
Laredo.....	146	134	146	...	(*)	...	...	...	71	44	55	...	(*)	...	...	...
Los Angeles.....	214	92	23	2	114	73	1	(*)	2,920	1,034	747	217	1,044	723	11	(*)
San Francisco.....	180	147	14	(*)	31	129	3	3	1,473	1,125	123	(*)	272	962	29	6
Washington.....	118	73	12	...	3	103	...	...	2,377	1,858	334	...	25	1,952	...	...
Alaska.....	3	2	...	...	1	2	...	...	530	516	...	...	13	516	...	...
Hawaii.....	9	8	...	...	1	7	(*)	...	228	108	...	...	2	142	2	...
Montana and Idaho.....	1	1	(*)	...	1	...	...	...	5	4	1	...	4	...	...	...
Dakota.....	(*)	(*)	(*)	...	...	...	...	...	4	4	4	...	...	...	...	...
Minnesota.....	(*)	(*)	(*)	...	...	...	...	...	7	2	2	...	...	...	...	...
Michigan.....	35	22	3	...	32	(*)	...	...	204	74	25	...	155	(*)	...	...
Chicago.....	193	98	57	...	124	11	...	1	2,668	906	1,267	...	1,199	109	...	5
Ohio.....	24	...	13	...	10	...	...	...	217	...	63	...	135	...	...	...
Puerto Rico.....	914	70	904	8	2	(*)	...	...	303	80	228	19	26	2	...	...
All other Customs Districts.....	35	3	8	...	27	(*)	...	...	136	11	43	...	28	1	...	...

*Less than 500 pounds or $500.

[1] Excludes shipping weight data, which are not available, for informal entries.

[2] Includes a small amount of shipments which are unidentified by continent.

[3] Includes estimated value of informal entries which are excluded from the continent totals and the totals for U.S. Flag carriers.

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